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**For Immediate Release**

**BigBelly Solar Recycling Compactors to be Installed in Wylie Parks**

**Wylie, TX, April 22, 2013** – The City of Wylie Parks Division, through a partnership with Community Waste Disposal, will install ten BigBelly solar-powered recycling compactors in Olde City Park, Community Park and Founders Park. Similar to the City's current single-stream residential recycling program, park goers can recycle paper, plastic, and aluminum cans in one convenient receptacle. BigBellies will be installed in the parks and ready for use by the end of May 2013.

"We are excited to provide citizens this new recycling service in our busiest, highest profile parks," says Robert Diaz, Parks and Recreation Superintendent. "Thousands of people visit the athletic complexes at Community Park and Founders Park every weekend; and Olde City Park serves as Wylie's "central park" in our historic downtown area."

Measuring four-feet in height and two-feet wide, BigBellies can hold up to five times more than similar-sized receptacles, due to the automatic solar-powered compactor. The fully-enclosed containers not only help keep parks clear of overflowing trash and blowing debris, but save energy and staff resources by reducing collections up to 80%. The BigBellies provide real time status updates through an internet connection to avoid overflows and automatically alert staff when collection is needed.

The BigBelly solar-recycling compactors were funded by a grant prepared in cooperation with the North Central Texas Council of Governments through funding from the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality.

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About Wylie -- Incorporated in 1887, the City of Wylie is located just 24 miles from downtown Dallas in Collin, Dallas and Rockwall Counties. Possessing an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, an ISO #1 rating and an expanding business climate, Wylie (population 43,000) is one of the fastest growing communities in the State of Texas with a 184% increase since 2000.